



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association

May 27, 2008

Meeting at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N Lombard.

Attendees

Board Members: Jeanne Knepper, Co Vice Chair; Susan Landauer, Co Vice Chair; Greg Wilhelm; Betty Johnson; Stephen Leiker; Matthew Denton; Renee Jensen-Reinhardt and Erin McGovney.

Public: Richard Ellmyer; Sara Poulter, Reporter for the Sentinel; and Aisha Ikram-Townsend

Voice Committee

Betty presented the Voice Committee Report including proposed 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 communication expenses (please note the 2007-2008 expenses are listed farther below).

Recommendations for fiscal year 2008/2009

Signage:

Four 11x14 laminated signs, one for each forum

Approx. \$4.00 each

Total: \$12

Forum advertising:

Two slides for St. John's Theater \$10 each plus

Slide prep, \$5 each per forum (\$30 per forum)

Total: \$120

Hand delivered notice, \$10 hour

Approx. Total: \$20

Generic Shared Advertising:

Insert in Sentinel shared with 2/3 other

Neighborhood Associations

Approx. Total: \$125

She also updated the board on advertising in the Sentinel and at the St. John's Theater. PNA will not be advertising in the Sentinel due to the fact that there is no free circulation in the Portsmouth neighborhood. The PNA has agreed to advertise the Forum meeting at St. John's Theater.

Good Times Committee

The Good Times Committee presented sponsorship requests from Portland Parks and Recreation for their McCoy Park concerts, from University Park United Methodist Church for sponsorship of the Fourth Annual North Portland Pride Festival on June 8, 2008, and from Portland Posada 2008 for sponsorship of a Posada in St. Johns in December 2008. Betty asked for clarification on how sponsorships are awarded and the level of visibility for PNA.

The Board discussed these items and any other expenses that may need to be paid for from the 2007-2008 Communications fund. The balance of the Communications fund is \$1,068. Susan indicated that the board has its unrestricted funds available that can be used to cover additional costs.

Speedbumps – Public Meetings

Susan reported that Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) would like PNA to work with them to set up a public meeting for the neighbors living on the streets that have been earmarked for speedbumps. The streets are:

- N Woolsey, from Willis to Lombard – 5 speed bumps
- N Winchell, from Woolsey to Chautauqua – 3 speed bumps
- N Russet, from Lombard to Chautauqua – 2 speed bumps

Susan clarified that only one meeting is necessary for all three separate speedbump projects. The meeting would be moderated by PDOT. Susan suggested it take place as an ice cream social at the Columbia Cottage and requested funds of \$50 for advertising and food. The PDOT process of approving speedbumps was discussed and including obtaining signatures from at least 67% of the neighbors on the streets of each of the proposed individual speedbump projects. The board approved the \$50 request and the meeting.

PNA Expenses

Susan made a **motion** to accept the following expenses. Matt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Below is a list of the expenses the board agreed to. Betty requested something in writing from the board to acknowledge writing checks for these expenses. Betty acknowledged that an email would suffice.

DESCRIPTION	COST
Columbia Cottage (donation)	\$ 100.00
Posada	\$ 50.00
North Portland Pride	\$ 250.00
Forum notice at Shell	\$ 15.00
Forum food	\$ 50.00
Speed bump meeting	\$ 50.00
McCoy Concerts	\$ 250.00
Banner setup fee	\$ 25.00
Banner (3.5'x6') with grommets	\$ 258.00
Printed material for forums & meetings	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,148.00

ICURAC Parks Strategy

Stephen handed out the 20 year plan proposed by the ICURAC Parks Committee. He was asked to report to the PNA and ask for feedback, suggestions and/or comments. Susan asked that it be sent out in electronic format to the board members. The board briefly discussed a few of the parks in the area, especially Northgate Park. Stephen asked that the board's feedback be sent to him by end of day on Wednesday, June 4 so that he can report back to the Parks Committee on June 5.

ICURAC Transportation Committee Meeting

Greg reported on the activities of the ICURAC Transportation Committee. He said that there was an eight page document of transportation activities and a few located in Portsmouth. He provided feedback on behalf of the PNA on activities for Portsmouth. They include the Lombard streetscape and upgrade; the stoplight at Portsmouth and Lombard (completed), crosswalk on Fiske, bicycle striping suggested for Lombard and Columbia – he suggested striping in Willis and Houghton, synchronizing the stoplights on Lombard – he suggested a better stoplight at Chautauqua and Woolsey, and the streetcar on Lombard.

Jeanne asked if they wanted PNA to weigh-in on these. He said not at this time but that PNA would need to weigh-in on the Lombard streetscape when it is being planned.

Hacienda Corporation

Susan presented a brief history of the Hacienda Corporation and its operations, programs and history in Portsmouth. She highlighted the pending low income housing project on the property by the "cut" behind Public Storage. She said the proposed apartments would be larger, four-bedroom apartments for those with larger families. Jeanne asked if this was a statement of information or if it needed PNA action. Susan said that it is a statement of information and wanted the newer board members to know that PNA has supported this proposed project.

Jeanne asked if there was a call for discussion. Richard Ellmyer asked that it be discussed. Betty suggested that it be discussed when the board talks about low income housing.

Calendar

Betty requested that the board have a large year-long calendar of activities available so that the members would know when activities are taking place and who would be present to represent the PNA. Renee offered to pick one up for the board.

Forum Agenda

The board discussed and set the Forum agenda to include:

Introductions – 10 minutes

Master Recyclers – 2 people presenting for 10 minutes and 10 minutes

Questions/Answers

Streetcar Presentations – Pro: Matt and Con: Shelly. 5-7 minutes each with discussion similar to the last Forum. No need to vote. The board suggested capturing the pros and cons and also suggested that they be provided beforehand.

Officer and Board Member Elections – 15 minutes. Jeanne will consult with Tom at ONI on the procedures.

NRT Officer – Susan will invite

Speedbump Topic – Susan will handout information.

Election of Officers

Greg asked that a poll be taken of members interested in running for Office. Members interested in positions are:

Chair: Greg
Vice Chair: Erin
Secretary: Renee
Treasurer: Betty

There would also be nominations from the floor.

Land Use Committee

Matt indicated that he is part of the North Portland Land Use Committee. He said that the planning commission is visiting North Portland and the committee is coming up with a list of things to show them. So far the committee has identified: PIR (noise), Lombard (our Metro designated main street which is kind of struggling), and New Columbia (a mostly successful development). The board also suggested the commercial district, flag lots and skinny houses, proximity to Sharff Army Depot, proposed Hope Meadows, and the bridges over the "cut" and their lack of maintenance.

Matt also mentioned that he is part of a group working on the Lot Confirmations/Property Line Adjustments rules -the way that skinny houses happen. He said historically the current 50 foot lots were two 25 foot lots and that there isn't a good solution to this problem. He said that the 25 foot wide lot is probably here to stay as it is a legally defined lot in the State legislature. He did indicate that contractors are at the table. He thought that PNA should probably discuss what they would like to see given this information. Matt said that density is not a problem but opposes houses with no design standards. He asked how the board felt about instead of two skinny houses on separate lots, a duplex on the two lots with more strip space. Greg supported more green space to catch water run off and opposed driveways in the front of the house and liked porches and alley parking. Matt said that the developers agreed with this. Greg noted that alleys don't exist in some neighborhoods. Erin pointed out, as a realtor, that duplexes are worse for house/property value than stand-alone single family houses. She noted that multi-family housing brings house values down. Matt thanked the board for the input.

Other

Greg asked who hosted the PNA website. The board was unsure. Matt said that he would look into it.

Hacienda and Low Income Housing

Jeanne noted the time and asked if the board would like to continue with the added agenda item of Low Income Housing. Betty indicated that it was too late to. Erin said that it should be added to another meeting so that the topic could be given due process of discussion. Betty agreed that the topic needs discussion. Richard Ellmyer commented on the issue of it being discussed and that it is a topic of discussion for the neighborhood. Jeanne recommended having it at a Forum meeting.

Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes prepared by Renee Jensen Reinhardt with clarifications from the board. Rev. 6/5/08